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Today the State Department has 23,247 employees, of whom 2127 are foreign-service officers in Washington, 6325 foreign-service officers in the field, with the balance foreign nationals and civil service personnel at the clerk-typist-messenger level. Thirty years ago the annual budget of the department was \$14,000,000, half of which came in visa and passport fees.

The digestive pains accompanying a growth so large so fast—a reflection of the fantastic new responsibilities this country has taken on in recent years—help to explain the current unease over the State Department and its present masters. The attempt has already begun, as invariably happens in this politically conscious city, to find scapegoats on whom to shoulder the blame.

MANY of the troubles, individuals to one side, are those which plagued the previous Administration. Getting knowledgeable, properly equipped men able and willing to serve in difficult posts is one of them. It was illustrated with embarrassing clarity in articles and speeches. Although officials have not protested, though man and military purposes. Thus far, of a nation's right to use outer space is a missile launching. They may provide the earth and transmit a warning of rapidly several midas satellites could that accompany a missile launching. more capable of picking up the heat her forecasting. Midas carries infra-red cloud cover and is expected to aid for is reported getting good photo- are improved versions of earlier mod- on everything that is not underground. intelligence-gathering satellites will be we notice that the time is drawing near. It eyes on Soviet Russia in their orbit. and Midas III, which periodically

Navy, etc.—have three times the personnel of the State Department, and, career officers remark wryly, unlimited funds.

In a speech at a meeting of the Foreign Service Officers Association the other day, former Secretary of State Dean Acheson gave this the Acheson treatment. He spoke with the acid Acheson humor of a "brotherly agency" that did somehow to be brought under control. It was not to overwhelm the diplomatic agency. His listeners had no doubt that he meant the CIA, and once their gentlemanly restraint let them from standing on their chairs and cheering.

The hunt for scapegoats is concentrated naturally on the newcomers at the top level. One target is Under Secretary of State Chester Bowles. He is a "liberal" who has talked in the past about the need to face up to the realities of Communist China and the dead-end present China policy. That

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